

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee

October 8, 2014

6 pm Lower Conference Room, Building 30

Present: Peter Zimmerman, Ed Bronsdon, Nino Johnson, Arden Forrey, Tom Kelly, Herb Curl, Lynn Ferguson, Julianna Ross, Loren Hill, Julie Neilson

Parks Staff: Brian Judd, Cheryl Fraser

Guests: John Wick and Tracy Bennett

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 6:05 pm by MPAC Chair Julianna Ross.

Radiation clean up: Representative Pollet's letter regarding radiation clean-up was discussed; some questions were raised as to whether this letter was accurate or perhaps being presented in a more alarming way just to get attention. What's the real story? On October 21 the WA State Dept. of Ecology will be presenting a community update at a meeting hosted at The Mountaineers. Further discussion.

The **Minutes** for the July meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment: Lynn Ferguson noted that the 90th anniversary event to celebrate the flight around the world was held and was popularly attended. Model T cars, a band, public speakers – a beautiful event!

Building 11 Shoreline status: This is holding up development of the building; making it hard for at least one prospective tenant to take occupancy. Parks staff is currently working with DPD to finalize this review process. Parks staff is submitting updated drawings and answering some final questions, in the hopes this will be resolved soon.

Director's Report:

□ Brian Judd and Loren Hill provided a summary of the Circulation Sub-committee's letter and also Seattle Parks' position regarding the NOAA access road. A copy of the letter was reviewed. Brian walked through each item on the list, describing current status and what other City agencies may be involved. He has meetings with SDOT scheduled in November to begin coordinating these pieces.

□ The proposed slate for the MPAC membership was distributed by Brian Judd and reviewed by the committee. □ Cheryl Fraser noted that the 90th anniversary event was very special. The historical re-enactment was terrific – Lynn and Ken deserve a lot of praise for their work.

□ The MPAC Customer Service Questionnaire was distributed. Ten people responded; great feedback. Hope to conduct this survey once a year. Perhaps findings from the survey will be discussed at the next MPAC meeting.

□ The new Seattle Parks District Community Oversight Committee. Nominations for committee members are being considered until October 20, 2014. 99% of the capital dollars won't be available until 2016 (taxes have to be collected first).

□ Cascade Bicycle Club will be having an open house of their new HQ in Building 11 – it already looks great.

□ Would the Burke Museum be a possible tenant for Building 2? Their project manager came out and took a tour. They need \$60 – 75 million to revamp their space on campus. They said that their primary interest is to stay on the UW campus.

□ Department of Ecology is holding its public meeting on October 21, 5:30 – 9 pm at The Mountaineers. The WA State Dept. of Health, the US Navy, Seattle Parks and Representative Pollett will all be there.

□ Now that a Parks District will be taking affect, how will this affect some of the unfunded priorities of the Magnuson Park Strategic Development Plan? A very good question that we do not have an answer for yet. What was in the ballot for the first 6 years will now be acted on. What's not as well known is what about new projects. Those new projects will be run on another 6 year cycle. Cheryl noted that she would be reporting back as she knows more. She also noted that now is a good time to advocate to elected officials including the Mayor regarding budgetary issues.

□ Cheryl noted that NOAA was responsive most of the summer for requests to open the gates - but not when the Waldorf School open house occurred. NOAA has asked for another traffic study. Seattle Parks does not feel that this would be a prudent use of public tax dollars.

Carport at Brettler Family Place: Julie Neilson brought up a safety concern, a carport type facility that is SDOT property (historic Building 69); it's falling down and a real safety concern. Julie will be following up more with SDOT. Julianna noted that this was the type of thing that MPAC would want to know about and support getting fixed.

Ecological restoration of the park / Sand Point Head: Sand Point Head: Tom Kelly presented on behalf of MESA. He shared some images describing recent environmental restoration work in portions of the park around Sand Point Head (also known as Kite Hill) and expected plans for future work there. Many volunteers and various groups are helping make this restoration possible. Groups leading the effort are: The Green Seattle Partnership (DPR & Forterra); Magnuson Environmental Stewardship Alliance; and University of Washington Restoration Ecology Network teams. In addition DPR has paid EarthCorps to lead volunteer events and do other work in the Cottonwood Grove west of the swim beach parking lot. If anyone wants to help plant or with other work, go to the Green Seattle Partnership volunteer web site to find event information or pre-register.

Circulation sub-committee report: Loren Hill referenced that the group meet prior to the main MPAC meeting and efforts this group is advocating on. Circulation in the park, particularly with more residents moving into the park when Building 9 gets developed, needs to be articulated as a remaining key priority for the park.

Motion (unanimously approved): Generate a letter to the City Council referencing four paragraphs previously advocated for in a July 1, 2014 letter – to be sure that planning for Magnuson Park is not forgotten.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ed Bronsdon